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In re the application of:

CHANEY, et al.

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For: RECOVERING METALS FROM SOIL

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

April 20, 2001

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 28, 2001, applicants elect Invention I, recited in claims 1-4, 8-18, 38-40, drawn to a method for selectively recovering nickel from contaminated soil by elevating soil pH. This election is made without traverse.

In the event this paper is not timely filed, applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for this extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2300, along with any other additional fees which may be required with respect to this paper.

Respectfully submitted,  
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